JFK Assassination

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HOUSTON—The FBI and Dallas police for at least five months after the assassination of President Kennedy covered up a conversation indicating the FBI knew Lee Harvey Oswald was a threat to the President prior to the slaying, the Houston Chronicle reported in its Monday edition.

The newspaper also reported that the Warren Commission, which investigated the 1963 assassination, did not fully look into the reported conversation when it learned of it in May, 1964.

J. E. Curry, Dallas police chief at the time, informed Supreme Court Justice Earl Warren of the FBI's reported prior knowledge in a registered letter, the Chronicle said, and printed a copy in Monday's edition.

Curry wrote:

"On that date (Nov. 22), before newsmen, I stated that I had received information that the FBI knew of Oswald's presence in Dallas and that the Dallas police department had no information on Oswald in its files. This statement was based on the report of Lieutenant (Jack) Revill."

Three hours after Kennedy was killed, Revill said he ran into FBI agent James Hosty in the basement of the Dallas city hall. Hosty told him the FBI knew that Oswald could be a threat to the President, Revill said in a statement he eventually repeated to the Warren Commission.

Contacted by the Chronicle, Revill stood by his statement.